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SUBJ: ENERGY: ORGANIZING MEETING OF COORDINATING GROUP

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1. AFTER RECEIVING GOL DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON MORNING OF FEBRUARY 21 (REPORTED IN REFTEL B) FROM MFA SECRETARY GENERAL WURTH AND MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS SCHLEICH, WE MADE ORALLY THE POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL A). THEY RESPONDED AS FOLLOW:

A) ALTHOUGH THE GOL HAS REQUESTED THAT ORGANIZATION MEETING OF COORDINATING GROUP TAKE PLACE IN BRUSSELS OR BONN, MFA HAS ALREADY ALERTED AMBASSADOR WAGNER TO ATTEND THE MEETING IF IT TAKES PLACE IN WASHINGTON. WURTH EXPLAINED THAT WAGNER WOULD REPRESENT THE GOL AT THE FIRST MEETING ONLY, AND THAT MFA
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DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS CHARLES REICHLING WOULD PROBABLY BE THE GOL PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COORDINATING GROUP.

B) WURTH OBSERVED THAT THE GOL AND OTHERS IN THE

COMMUNITY WHO WANT TO TRY TO CONVINCE FRANCE TO COOPERATE TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE WERE PLEASED THAT THE US SEEMED ALSO TO HOPE FOR FRENCH PARTICIPATION. THE EC PARTNERS OF FRANCE WOULD HAVE A VALUABLE INSIGHT INTO PARIS'S FUTURE BEHAVIOR AT THE EC PERMREPS MEETING IN BRUSSELS ON FEBRUARY 21.

C) WURTH SAID THAT HE WAS MOST UNHAPPY THAT WE WERE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THE POINTS IN REFTEL A) ORALLY ONLY. IT WAS TIME-CONSUMING AND IMPRECISE FOR THE GOL TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND THE US POSITIONS ON KEY ISSUES ON THE BASIS OF HASTILY COMPILED NOTES. WURTH ADDED THAT HAND-WRITTEN NOTES COULD BE LEAKED TO THE PRESS AS EASILY AS TEXTS IF SOMEONE WANTED TO EXPOSE THE US POSITION, ALTHOUGH HE STRESSED THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO KEEP DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES CONFIDENTIAL. IF US POSITIONS ARE TO BE GIVEN FULL AND ACCURATE STUDY BY THE GOL, WURTH ASKED THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT OUR POSITIONS VIA CONFIDENTIAL NOTES, EXCEPT IN THOSE VERY RARE CASES WHERE SECRECY IS JUSTIFIED AND NO FOLLOW-UP IS ANTICIPATED. FARKAS

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